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DRINK POUCHES AND METHODS OF PRODUCING THEMField Of The Invention

The present invention relates to a method of making beverage containers. More particularly, the present invention relates to a method for producing flexible, puncturable beverage dispensing pouches having a specific area of weakness designed for ease of puncture with a drinking straw.

Background Of The Invention

It is well known in the art of beverage containers to make drink pouches constructed from flexible panels cut from sheets of laminate web materials which are welded together on all but one side, filled with a beverage and then the remaining open side is sealed. In order to drink the contents from such pouches, the user must either tear off a corner of the pouch or insert a drinking straw through the web material into the storage compartment of the pouch. Since the laminate web material may be made with layers including PE (polyethylene) for sealing, Al (aluminum) for air and moisture barrier, and Bonyl (bioriented nylon) for strength, it is no easy matter to pierce it with a common plastic drinking straw, especially for children, the largest segment of the consumer population for such products.

One of the greatest problems is that of opening the hole by means of the straw in a simple, neat manner. Especially in the case of containers which were filled and

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